

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of October 31 - November 4, 2011

Vote at the Community Center on November 8! Takoma Park's Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2011. All voting will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center - Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. *(City Clerk)*

Late Absentee Ballots / In-Person "Absentee" Voting. Registered voters may vote early at the City Clerk's Office (7500 Maple Avenue) during the following hours:

Friday, November 4: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5: 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 7: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots will also be available for pickup during these times. For additional information, call 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. *(City Clerk)*

Election Results: Once the vote count is in on election night, results will be announced on City TV and posted on the website. *(City Clerk)*

Chamber Music Tonight: Washington Musica Viva's chamber music series continues this evening, Friday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. with a performance of Sonata #2 in A Op. 100 by Johannes Brahms and Trio in Bb Op. 99 by Franz Schubert with Kathy Judd, violin, Adam Gonzalez, cello, and Carl Banner, piano. Admission fee.
<http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD?sk=events#!/event.php?eid=251554934895821> *(Housing and Community Development)*

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of November 7, 2011:

- The City Council will not meet on Monday.
- The City Council will meet briefly on Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium to receive the certified results of the election.
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, November 10, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

Veterans Day on November 11: City offices and the Library will be closed on Friday, November 11, for Veterans Day. The Library will be open its regular hours on Saturday, November 12. The Computer Center and Community Center will be closed Saturday, November 12. The Police Department is always open. *(City Clerk)*

Library Community Circle Time Canceled on November 8: Remember that on Tuesday, November 8, there will be NO Community Circle Time at 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. The sessions are canceled because of limited parking on Election Day. *(Library)*

Bedtime Story Hour: The Library's monthly Bedtime Story Hour will be held on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to come in p.j.s and bring teddy bears or other favorite stuffed animals. *(Library)*

Dungeons and Dragons: Join us on Saturday November 12 at 2:00 p.m. for a special Dungeons and Dragons program with Dave Burbank in honor of National Gaming Day. For ages 8 and up. Registration required. *(Library)*

Purple Line Open House - November 7: What are the next steps? How will it work? Where will it be? Get the answers to these and other questions Monday, November 7, at one of a series of open houses, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.
www.purplelinemd.com *(Housing and Community Development)*

"Helicopter Parents" - Thursday, November 10: Ever wonder how typical your childhood was? Or feel anxious about how you are raising your own children? In this lecture, renowned historian Peter Stearns will challenge us to revisit how we view both childhood and child rearing. Join us this coming Thursday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium for an historical overview of our evolving notions of childhood and their impact on parenting.
<http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD#!/event.php?eid=226436444086009> (*Housing and Community Development*)

Purple Line Station Planning Meeting - November 17: Neighborhood meeting with engineers, architects and planners working on the future Takoma Langley Crossroads stop about how the station will look and how you will get there! Thursday, November 17 at the Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School located at 8201 15th Avenue, Hyattsville, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
<http://www.thenewwave.com/do/purple-line-station-stop-neighborhood-meeting>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Holiday Art Sale Vendors - November 18 Deadline: Are you interested in participating in the sixth annual Holiday Art Sale? The sale will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center. The work included in the juried sale must be created and produced by the artist. Deadline for applying for a table is Friday, November 18. Application forms are available online at https://s3.amazonaws.com/hcd_takomapark/public/holiday_sale/2011_art_sale_app.pdf (*Housing and Community Development*)

"Thinking Like an Investor" - Re-scheduled for November 30: The last class in the Financial Management series has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. It had originally been scheduled for November 16. The class will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center and is free to Takoma Park residents (non-residents \$25). Pre-registration is required by calling Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Help for Foreclosure Victims - Independent Foreclosure Review: Homeowners who suffered financially because of improper foreclosure practices that took place between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010 are entitled to have their case reviewed as a part of a government consent order for 14 mortgage servicers. There is no charge for the review, but the home has to have been your primary residence and your mortgage has to have been serviced by one of the 14 lenders included in the consent order. Mortgage servicers began to notify consumers by mail of their right to review, however if you did not receive a notice, you can call 1-888-952-9105. Homeowners must submit a completed 5-page review form by April 30, 2012. For more details, go to www.IndependentForeclosureReview.com (*Housing and Community Development*)

Bus Rapid Transit Amendment to Master Plan: City staff met with Montgomery County Planning Department Staff on an amendment to the Master Plan of Highways. The County will be updating the Master Plan to include routes and station locations for Bus Rapid Transit. Planning Board Staff will be making recommendations regarding selection of routes and use of existing roadway versus widening right-of-way. The potential routes within the City of Takoma Park include New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Poetry for Seniors: Fifteen participants enjoyed listening to original poems by talented poets, including Takoma Park's previous poet laureate Anne Becker, and Silver Foxes poet, Dr. Charlotte Cooper, at the first Seniors Open Poetry Reading on Wednesday, November 2. For more information about seniors poetry events, please contact Paula Lisowski, Recreation Department, at 301-891-7280, or PaulaL@takomagov.org. (*Recreation*)

"Go Deep" Flag Football Program: This past Wednesday was the final meeting for the 2011 fall flag football program. Over 30 youth participated in the last exhibition game of the year. Competition was sky high as no player wanted to go out on the losing end. The game went down to the wire and was decided on a last second touchdown pass to seal the game. All participants left excited and looking forward to the spring program. (*Recreation*)

Winter Basketball League: Parents don't miss out on the opportunity to have your child play with old friends and meet some new ones in the 2012 Winter Basketball League. This program is open to all girls and boys ages 5 - 12 years old and grades K - 8. To register online please visit: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional information or if you are interested in being a volunteer coach please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Outdoor Street Hockey: Thursday, November 10, will be the last and final meeting for the outdoor street hockey program. Program is held on the outside on the basketball court from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. *(Recreation)*

Teen Fitness Program is a Success!! On Monday, October 31, Takoma Park Recreation Center offered a Teen Fitness program. The program assists in agility, flexibility and strength. The teens were excited to test their skills with center fitness guru, Cedric Brickey. *(Recreation)*

Halloween Event, Takoma Park Style! Takoma Parkers showed up in great numbers on Saturday, October 29. Even with the unusual October snowstorm, which moved the event indoors, more than 200 people dressed up in costumes and attended this year's festivities. As guests entered the event at Piney Branch Elementary School, they were greeted by activities such as coloring original art work, guessing the weight of a pumpkin and the number of candy corns, bean bag toss, and trivia. The guests then participated in a Costume Contest in the Multi-Purpose Room, which was followed by a party. Everyone had a great time rocking out to the RTT's while enjoying cookies and juice provided by the Takoma Park Lions Club. *(Recreation)*

Seniors Learn about Meals on Wheels: On Friday November 4, Jill Feasley, Director of Meals on Wheels in Takoma Park, gave a presentation at the Takoma Park Community Center. During her visit, twenty seniors were able to learn more about the benefits of this program. *(Recreation)*

Police in Training: On November 1-3, Sergeant Frishkorn, Detective Cannatella and Detective Fields attended training entitled "Drug Law Enforcement Training" at the Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville, Maryland. *(Police)*

Montgomery County Emergency Management Group: On November 3, Captain Coursey represented the City in a quarterly Montgomery County Emergency Management Group functional exercise on Winter Storm response. Lieutenant Collington also participated in the pre-exercise conference calls that simulated planning and preparations for such an event. The exercise provided valuable insight for the County Shelter Task Force in appropriate planning for such an event. It also provided better simulation for operating a Joint Information Center (JIC) which is useful in keeping a unified message in public information distribution during a crisis or emergency situation. *(Police)*

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning: On November 4, Captain Coursey attended a kick-off meeting for the County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security's efforts to review and revise the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which the City adopted by Council Resolution 2005-87. By maintaining involvement in the process to revise the plan, and through the City's adopting the plan by formal resolution, the City maintains eligibility for certain FEMA funding including future hazard mitigation grants. *(Police)*

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (October 28 - November 3, 2011) may be viewed online at <http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/11/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. *(Police)*

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 124 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrest from traffic and nine vehicle impounds. During October 28 - November 4, 2011, the following details were completed:

October 28, 2011

- Maple Avenue at Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued

five State citations.

- Philadelphia Avenue at Holly Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued nine State citations.
- Maple Avenue at Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

October 31, 2011

- Hilltop Road at Mississippi Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Maple Avenue and Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued five State citations.

November 1, 2011

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued 10 State citations.
- Maple Avenue and Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Hilltop Road and Mississippi Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.

November 2, 2011

- 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued seven State citations.

November 3, 2011

- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Carroll Avenue at Grant Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- New Hampshire Avenue and Merwood Drive (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

November 4, 2011

- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- (Police)

Traffic Officer Stats for the Week of November 28 - November 3, 2011 (Corporal Michelle Holmes):

Calls for service: 13

State Citations issued: 84

City tickets: 18

Reports: 7

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 2

Warnings: 1

Court: 3.5 hours

(Police)